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MEXICO, THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1874.

## News of the Week.

April 1st, sixty-nine buildings were burned and seven lives lost at Millerton, Butler County, Penn.

The spring term of the College of Fine Arts, Syracuse University, commenced on the 6th of April.

The Tivoli knitting mills, at Cohoes, were burnt Thursday. Loss, \$200,000. One thousand employees are thrown out of work.

On Thursday the City Council of Philadelphia passed the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the centennial.

Many Roman Catholics have been deterred from joining Granges on account of a canon of their church which forbids connection with secret societies. A Catholic member of the Minnesota Legislature recently applied to Bishop Grace for leave to enter the order, and the Bishop referred the question to the Pope, who replied that the petitioner might join if he found nothing therein conflicting with his conscience or creed.

On Thursday the State Senate passed the bill for the election of the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the Board of Regents.

The total debt of the city of New York is \$100,241,705.99; the total county debt, \$31,627,865.23.

The report of the treasurer of the New York State Inebriate Asylum at Binghamton shows the expenses of the asylum for the last year were \$45,509.17. For this sum 324 patients have been treated during the year 1873; 243 were admitted, and 24 dismissed. The number in the asylum at the close of the year 81. A little more than half the patients who were admitted, were married, about a fourth had a collegiate education, and a third had enjoyed an academic training; seven-eighths used tobacco, and a small fraction, one in twelve, used opium.

The condition of the starving inhabitants of India is said to be improving, spring crops, except in one district, having yielded well.

The Mississippi Legislature has passed a bill appropriating \$1,000 for a monument to James Lynch, colored, late Secretary of State.

The temperance crusade was begun in Buffalo, on Saturday.

The annual meeting of friends of the American Tract Society was held in Washington, Sunday. The receipts of the year were \$566,629; expenditures, \$564,710; donations and legacies, \$116,873.

On Saturday, the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections of New York, voted a motion to remove Tweed from a room in Blackwell's Island prison, which he has fitted up luxuriously.

The Connecticut election, on Monday, resulted in the re-election of Ingoldsby, democrat, for Governor, both houses of the Legislature also are democratic.

The Montclair railroad was sold Saturday, to Mr. Wm. C. Guest, a Wall street broker, for \$6,250, subject to mortgages of \$3,000,000. Another statement makes the price \$16,000, and the mortgages \$6,000,000.

Five to eight inches of snow fell during Sunday night at Concord and other points in New Hampshire. Six inches of snow fell during the night at Brunswick, Maine.

In the Sanborn investigation before the ways and means committee, Monday, John D. Sanford testified that Secretary Richardson signed the contracts with a full knowledge of what they contained, he having had several interviews with him in regard to the matter. Also that the list of railroads in default which he had furnished the department, was copied from Appleton's Guide Book, on the advice of an officer of the Treasury Department.

In the Senate on Monday, the bill of Mr. Merriman, fixing the maximum amount of United States notes at \$400,000,000, and providing for an increase of \$4,000,000 in addition thereto, was substituted for the bill of the finance committee, and amended so as to require national banks to keep one-fourth of the coin received by them as interest on bonds deposited with the United States, as part of their reserve, and that only one-fourth of their reserve shall be deposited with banks in cities of redemption, upon which no interest shall be paid. The bill was then passed, 29 to 24.

Colorado, which had not a mile of railroad less than five years ago, has now ten lines, having a total length of 668 miles.

The Senate, Tuesday, confirmed the nomination of Wm. J. Wallace, to be judge of the District Court of the northern district of New York.

Senator Boutwell's illness, according to the Boston Gazette, causes serious anxiety to his friends. The trouble is mainly with his head, which is in such a condition as to render reading or writing to any extent impossible.

The Brooklyn Presbytery, Monday night, reaffirmed the previous vote condemning Dr. Cuyler's church for allowing Sarah Smiley to preach in its pulpit.

Governor Dix on Tuesday, sent an earnest message to the Legislature against the proposed inflation of currency and calling upon the Legislature for the passage of a memorial to Congress which shall convey the official protest of New York against the scheme. After a long debate, in which all the Senators but Middleton, developed opposition to inflation, the various resolutions and the Governor's message were referred with it to the finance committee.

The Board of Excise of Syracuse have sent out printed circulars suggesting the propriety of calling a State conference of excise commissioners, to meet in that city during the present month, to agree upon some uniformity of action in regard to the license system.

The House committee on agriculture instructed their chairman to report favorably a joint resolution providing that hereafter all seeds, cuttings and plants sent to any part of the United States by the Commissioner of Agriculture, shall be transmitted through the mails free.

The Senate in executive session yesterday confirmed the following appointment for Auditor of the Canal department, Francis S. Thayer.

Don't be DISCOURAGED.—Suppose you have "fifty remedies" and received no benefit, is there therefore "no balm in Gilead"? Verily there is. Your liver may be congested, your stomach half paralyzed, your nerves quivering, your muscles knotted with torture, your bowels constricted, your lungs diseased, your blood full of impurities—yet in one week after commencing a course of Dr. WALKER'S VINEGAR BITTERS you will feel like a new creature.

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## Literary Notices.

THE ALDINE—for April opens with a marvelous collection of beautiful illustrations, some of which are the finest yet seen in The American Art Journal, while all reflect great credit upon the enterprising publishers. We cannot enumerate them all, but American scenery, as heretofore, forms a striking feature of this number of the Aldine. J. D. Woodward contributes a tender and beautiful full-page spring time view, which is printed in tints, and has all the fineness of steel engraving. Five great and remarkable pictures of Lake George and its glorious scenery embelish this number, in which the well-known artist, Thomas Moran, and the engravers, have vied with each other to put upon paper faithful pictures of the most exquisite scenery in the New World. The most spirited picture which has been seen on paper for a long time, is a full-page battle scene, drawn by Julian O. Davidson, representing a conflict at sea between an American and English ship of war, during the Revolution. The details of the ships are admirably drawn. The literary matter is fully equal to the pictorial, and the whole constitutes, without doubt, the finest periodical published.

## MEXICO MARKETS.

The following are the prices paid for farmers produce, etc., in this market:
Flour, (retail) \$3.00, red \$0.00, white \$1.00
Meal, 4 cwt. (retail) 1.70
Corn, 50 @ .50
Butter, 25 @ .25
Cheese, 11 @ 1.14
Lard, 10 @ .12
Eggs, doz. 14
Beef, lb. 65 @ .14
Mutton, lb. 85 @ .87
Pork, lb. 67 @ .08
Apples, (dried) 1.00 @ .12
Ham, lb. 8 @ .10
Dressed Poultry, lb. 8 @ .10
Potatoes, lb. bush. 50 @ .60

## Housekeepers Take Notice.

Oswego Flour, Winter, \$2.13. Spring, \$1.88.
Kerosene oil, per gallon, 18¢ per gallon.
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## Union Temperance Meeting.

The new organ in the Episcopal Church was played on Sunday (Easter) Rev. Mr. Hall, whose skill brought well the rich tones of the new instrument. Rev. Mr. Hilliard assisted in the service. The flowers were very tastefully arranged; a wreath on the altar being especially beautiful. The Children's Service in the morning was largely attended. The Sunday-school, the teachers at the head of each class, came in procession from the street and through the church with banners, and singing as they came; the note of the music, gradually growing louder as they approached, was fine, and singing of the children throughout unusually good. The offerings of several classes for the year amounted to \$104.84, which, added to a surplus on hand, made \$126.65. The address to the children, by Rev. Mr. Hall, was brief and appropriate.

## An Interesting Occasion.

About four weeks ago Rev. R. T. Hall, this village, visited the Asylum and Poor House one Sabbath afternoon, and said short services for the inmates here he continued until last Sunday, when he was relieved by Rev. J. T. Hewitt. Last Sunday the service commenced at four o'clock in the Insane Asylum, there being 33 of the 35 inmates present. Three songs, which described the beauty and glory of the heavens, were sung, a short prayer offered, and a few words spoken to these unfortunate persons, who have lost the power of reason. The emotions excited were different in nearly each case. One seemed very much pleased, tears were rolling into the eyes of another, others were excited; some were stolid, and others all animation. Then a short, plain sermon, that could be comprehended by all, was preached in the Poor House. Mr. Hewitt was very materially assisted in the exercises by the Methodist choir.

## Oswego County Temperance Society.

The Oswego County Temperance Society holds its next meeting at Mexico, April 15th, in the Methodist church. Morning session at 10 o'clock, afternoon at 2 o'clock, and evening at 7½ o'clock.

The following questions among others will be discussed:

Woman's work in the Temperance Reformation.

Methods of reforming the inebriate.

The limitations of government in temperance work.

Is the Civil Damage Law practical in its provisions—can we enforce it?

All Temperance Associations in the county and Christian Churches are invited to send two delegates.

I. G. Jenkins, President,  
E. Horne, Jr., Secretary.

## Real Estate Sales.

Thomas H. Austin to Barrett J. Hale, part of lot No. 67 in New Haven, \$150. March, 1874.

Henry H. Fish to John Sheldon, 2103 acres in Redfield, \$2,107.50. February, 1874.

Abram E. Culver to John Sheldon, 2103 acres in Redfield, \$2,107.50. Feb., 1874.

Daniel C. Ellis to James M. Burlison, part of lot No. 84 in Amboy, \$60. March, 1862.

Miles Burlison to James M. Burlison, part of lot 98 in Amboy, \$30. May, 1867.

Robert Sharr to Margaret Thayer, lot in the village of Mexico, \$15. November, 1873.

Edmund Potter to Lodima Robinson, 1½ acres in Parish, \$2,600. November, 1873.

Freeman Waugh to L. Brown, 4 acre in Palermo, \$400. March, 1874.

Peter Troley to the M. E. Church at Denton's Corners, part of lot No. 13 of sub 12 in Palermo, \$5. August, 1860.

Mary Field to Samuel S. Sherman, part of lot No. 52 in New Haven, \$600. June, 1873.

Alfred Hollister and others, to Wm. B. Sears, part of lot No. 70 in New Haven, \$1,243.25. March, 1874.

Edward G. Richardson to Ruth Reed, part of lot 133 in the village of Colosse, \$35. July, 1862.

Geo. F. Fancher to Mary P. Cole part of Sub. 2, long lot No. 2, \$1,800. Mar., 1874.

Catherine Ross to Dorcas Quinn, parcels of land in Hastings, \$800. April, 1873.

Stephen B. Snell to Almon Schermerhorn, 30 acres in New Haven, \$1,125. March, 1874.

Alfred E. McLeish to Sheldon Prescott, undivided half of 10 acres in Hastings, \$43. March, 1874.

Timothy W. Skinner to Julius Robert, part of lot No. 44 in Mexico, \$1,650. March, 1874.

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A STILL BETTER GLOVE, For one dollar and fifty cents a pair.

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GRACE CHURCH.—At the annual meeting held on Monday of the members of Grace Church, in this village the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Wardens—L. H. Conklin, M. Bradbury.

Vestrymen—C. F. Fuller, Geo. D. Babcock, M. W. Brown, J. M. Wing, Wm. Ely, G. W. Pruyne, Amos Thomas, L. D. Smith.

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The following gentlemen were elected directors of the Lake Ontario railroad at Oswego, Friday: Albert F. Smith, Luther Wright, Thomas S. Mott, Theodore Irwin, of Oswego; George B. Phelps, Watertown; O. P. Scoville, Lewiston; James Brackett, Rochester; H. N. Curtiss, Webster; John P. Bennett, Williamson; Rowland Robinson, Sodus; R. F. Wilson, Wilson; Burr Van Horn, Lockport, and Charles Efner, Peter.

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Mr. Cyrus Snow, of this village, has a new advertisement in this week's paper. Mr. Snow has had long experience in the manufacture of carriages, buggies, wagons, &c., does excellent work, and his prices are reasonable.

Old Furniture Stand, Main St., Mexco, N. Y.

For SALE—by the undersigned, a good work team, and a market wagon and harness. For particulars apply at the store of Stone, Robinson & Co., or to me.

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**Editor's Table.**

Our thanks are due to the respective principals of the institutions for the deaf and dumb who have sent us the following copies of their reports :

The 57th Annual Report of the American Asylum, Hartford, Edward C. Stone, M. A., Principal. This Asylum, the mother in this country of all deaf-mute institutions, stands out like a great oak in bold relief against all others, not because of any superiority of educational advantages over that of the New York Institution, but because, like the old giant oak of the forest, it has stood defiantly against the storms of prejudice and opposition with which it had to combat in the days of its infancy. But, thanks to the founders of the primitive institution, it had noble souls men, such as Thomas H. Gallaudet and Laurent Clerc, to initiate in this country a system for the education of deaf-mutes. The consequence is that the American Asylum has progressed onward from year to year, overcoming popular prejudices and paving the way for other deaf-mute institutions, until but a few more years shall elapse before every state in the Union shall possess ample facilities for the education of deaf-mutes. And the time will soon come when the deaf, like other citizens, may all have an education if they will.

The report of the directors states that "during the past year a large expenditure has been incurred upon the asylum buildings. Extensive general repairs have been made, but the chief item is the erection of a large brick addition to the west wing. This building contains bath-rooms and wash-rooms, store-rooms and three school-rooms besides furnishing an additional exit from the large dormitory in the main building. These accommodations have added greatly to the comfort and convenience of the pupils and have proved satisfactory in all respects."

The report of the principal says: "The 57th year in the history of the Asylum has been a prosperous one. Under a kind Providence the work of education has been steadily and successfully carried on and gratifying progress has been made in the various departments."

The average attendance of pupils during the year has been 230 but the principal learns from the Census Reports that there is still in the six New England States a total of 327 deaf-mutes who have not attended any school. Out of four pupils graduating in the regular course from the high class three have gone to Washington to pursue their studies at College.

In the Department of Instruction the principal makes mention of the late Mr. Wilson Whiston as follows: "Mr. Whiston entered the Asylum as a pupil at its commencement, in 1817, and was, with Miss Alice Cogswell and five others, in the first class, taught by Mr. Gallaudet and Mr. Clerc. After eight years he became a teacher, the first deaf-mute so employed, next to Mr. Clerc; and he has attained the distinction of being the oldest of the profession in the country. His connection of fifty-five years with the Asylum, during its growth and progress and through all the various changes in its history, uniting the past to the present, makes him the object of peculiar interest and regard; while his life of devotion to the education of deaf-mutes gained for him the esteem of his associates, and a place in the memory of more than fifteen hundred of our graduates."

The Principal touches upon the subject of the death, during the year, of the lamented Dr. Harvey P. Peet, and pays a tribute of respect to his useful life. We have made a short extract: "Dr. Peet possessed rare executive ability, and excelled as a teacher and a disciplinarian; he was the author of a number of text books for the deaf and dumb, and of various papers of great value to his profession. He had the satisfaction of seeing the Institution in which most of his life was spent, rise to become one of the largest of its kind in America, if not in the world."

With a considerable show of success, visible speech has been taught to about 40 pupils, which included all the semi-mutes, as well as several who were born deaf or had no knowledge of speech.

Generally speaking all the departments of the Asylum present a healthy aspect.

The Seventeenth Annual Report of the Texas Institution, Austin, Mr. J. Van Nostrand, Superintendent, is a nice little pamphlet, showing in a condensed statement what the people of Texas are doing for the enlightenment of their deaf-mute children. During the year the number of pupils received into the institution has been thirty, and the disbursements \$14,999.04. The recapitulation of the finances is not looking as favorable as might be desired. But there are several good reasons for this, the principal of which is that Texas suffered immensely in a financial point during the late war; but we infer that in a few more years she will have overcome that great drawback, and the institution become more prosperous. The report shows that the sum of \$9,524.25 has recently been expended in improving the building and premises, which indicate that the State is liberally and wisely making provision to give her deaf-mute children a "fair show" for education. Mr. J. Van Nostrand, the Superintendent, (our first teacher at the New York Institution,) who is also secretary, is well qualified for the duties of both offices. One of the teachers, Mr. James S. Wells, who was once a classmate of ours, is a gentleman well fitted for the duties of the school-room.

The Annual Report of the Le Couleux St. Mary's Institution for the Instruction of Deaf-Mutes for the year ending Sept. 30th, 1873. This is a Catholic institution, located in the city of Buffalo, N. Y. It is, in the main, under the management of the Sisters of

Charity, the Board of Trustees, with a single exception, being composed of sisters. Of the officers two are males and two females. The teachers are made up of four sisters and two deaf-mutes, (the latter by the names of John Nally and Mary Kierman.) We learn from the report that this institution in accomplishing a large amount of good for the Catholic deaf-mutes. The principal says:

"All our pupils are preparing for the practical business of life. The females are taught needlework and other fancy work, and are also judiciously exercised in household duties, in turns, before and after school hours, thereby giving them a practical knowledge of these duties. The males are also exercised in habits of industry and are employed caning seats of chairs. It is the intention to begin the trades of shoemaking, tailoring and vestmaking, if possible, before the expiration of this present term."

"On the 30th of September, 1872, there were on our rolls the names of fifty-eight pupils, divided as follows: Males, twenty-seven; females thirty-one. There have been admitted since, males, fourteen; females eleven, making the whole number during the year, eighty-three. Of these eleven have retired, leaving on the 30th of September, 1873, the whole number, seventy-two; males, thirty-seven; females, thirty-five."

Expenditures for the year were \$16,702.34. The treasurer, Sister Mary Ann Burke, concludes her intelligent report by asking the Legislature to make an appropriation, sufficient for the support of thirty-five pupils during the present year. From the catalogue of pupils we see that many of them are from different States in the Union. We infer that the St. Mary's Institution is a decided success.

**New York Notes.**

Our base ball season has had its opening. The Hudsons have organized themselves; they have two nines and are quite strong. Every afternoon they do a little practicing and make the field lively. The only drawback is that they have not much of a field. Their old quarters have been let for a cow and general cattle pasture, and are partitioned all around by a strong fence, so their chances of regaining them for base ball purposes are extremely slim. Some of our readers may smile at the idea of a cow pasture in New York city, but it is true nevertheless.

As yet we are in the suburbs, and there is a limit where our claims of being in the city cease. We have no rapid transit to speak of, and the busy part of the city is as far off as it ever was. Our legislators seem slow to see that what we lose in distance we must make up in velocity. A good many plans for our relief get under the legislative hen regularly every spring, but are never hatched, and meanwhile we are left alone to battle with the cows, and strive to turn their pastures into our ball-fields.

Last Saturday the members of the High and First Classes had a friendly game, and though both were raw and out of practice, they made a good show, and halted and fell to their entire satisfaction. In the evening of the same day the Fanwood Literary Association had a social reunion, and amid a variety of games the hours flew pleasantly and rapidly.

The Heather Chime Base Ball Club, or whatever it may be called when organized, bids fair to be a strong team.

We have secured a new member from the Harvard club, of Harvard College, who, it is hinted, will have control of the nine for 1874.

Dr. and Mrs. Isaac Lewis Peet were blessed with a fine little girl on the 26th of March. Her little brother, Walter and George, are in ecstasies, and little Miss Peet, already the sweetest and prettiest and best, is going to be the greatest joy of the household.

Our weather is tolerable, walking good, skies fair and health excellent.

KOUNTREY,

New York, March 30, 1874.

**Chess.**

Prof. Johnson and Selby sat down to a game of chess one day last week. An observing friend and enthusiast took down the moves, and to our readers who are fond of the game they may not be uninteresting:

WHITE.  
Selma.  
Johnson.

R to K 4  
K to B 3  
K B to B 4  
P to K R 2  
P to Q 4  
Castles

Kt takes P  
K to K B 5  
K to K's square  
Q to K 2  
Q Kt takes Q P  
Q takes Kt  
Q takes Kt P (check)  
Kt takes B (check)

P takes Kt  
Q takes P  
Q to B 2 (mates)

BLACK.  
Johnson.

R to K 4  
K K to K 3  
P to Q 3  
P to K 2  
Kt takes P  
Q B P to B 4  
Q to Q 2  
K B to K 2  
Q P 1  
Kt takes Kt  
Q B to K 3  
Kt takes K P (check)  
K to B square  
P takes Kt  
Q to R 4

BLAKE.

Selma.

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